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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, IT

SUBJECT: ITALIAN GOVERNMENT CRISIS OPENS

REF: ROME 13592

1. AT 1800 GMT CABINET MEETING JUST CONCLUDED PREMIER RUMOR

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INFORMED HIS MINISTERS THAT HIS ATTEMPTS TO AVOID A GOVERNMENT

CRISIS HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL. RUMOR IS NOW REPORTED ON HIS WAY TO CALL ON PRESIDENT LEONE TO SUBMIT HIS RESIGNATION. EMBASSY SOURCES INDICATE THAT RUMOR WILL PROPOSE TO LEONE THAT HE GIVE AN EXPLORATORY MANDATE TO SENATE PRESIDENT GIOVANNI SPAGNOLLI (CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT) TO DETERMINE WHETHER AN ATTEMPT TO REFORM A CENTER-LEFT GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE ATTEMPTED. LEONE'S ACCEPTANCE OF THIS PROPOSAL IS NOT CERTAIN AND, IN ANY CASE, THE PRESIDENT WILL INITIATE THE STANDARD ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS WITH FORMER PRESIDENTS, PRIME MINISTERS AND POLITICAL LEADERS BEFORE ANNOUNCING HIS DECISION.

2. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT THIS FAST BREAKING GOVERNMENT CRISIS IS NOT A "MANAGED" ONE LIKELY TO RESULT IN A SIMPLE RESHUFFLE OF CABINET POSTS. ITS RESOLUTION IS LIKELY TO BE LONG AND DIFFICULT. BEAUDRY

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